

Keeping the Body Pure

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THE MOTIVE - *why the Church exists*

Ephesians 5:25–27

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 **THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY AND CLEANSE IT WITH THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD,**

27 **THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT IT TO HIMSELF A GLORIOUS CHURCH, NOT HAVING SPOT, OR WRINKLE, OR ANY SUCH THING; BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH.**

2 Corinthians 5:9–11

9 **WHEREFORE WE LABOUR, THAT, WHETHER PRESENT OR ABSENT, WE MAY BE ACCEPTED OF HIM.**

10 **FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST; THAT EVERY ONE MAY RECEIVE THE THINGS DONE IN HIS BODY, ACCORDING TO THAT HE HATH DONE, WHETHER IT BE GOOD OR BAD.**

11 **KNOWING THEREFORE THE TERROR OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN**; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

Matthew 24:42–44

42 **WATCH THEREFORE: FOR YE KNOW NOT WHAT HOUR YOUR LORD DOTH COME.**

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 **THEREFORE BE YE ALSO READY: FOR IN SUCH AN HOUR AS YE THINK NOT THE SON OF MAN COMETH.**

John 17:12

"While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: **THOSE THAT THOU GAVEST ME I HAVE KEPT, AND NONE OF THEM IS LOST**, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled."

THE METHOD - *requires commitment to relationship, genuine care and time*

Colossians 2:18–19

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 **AND NOT HOLDING (to seize, retain, take hold of) THE HEAD, FROM WHICH ALL THE BODY BY JOINTS (a fastening, bond, connection) AND BANDS (a band, bond, bundle, ligaments, that which binds together) HAVING NOURISHMENT MINISTERED, AND KNIT TOGETHER (to unite in affection, put together), INCREASETH (to grow) WITH THE INCREASE (growth) OF GOD.**

Ephesians 4:15–16

15 **BUT SPEAKING THE TRUTH (to be true to the truth) IN LOVE, MAY GROW UP INTO HIM IN ALL THINGS, WHICH IS THE HEAD, EVEN CHRIST:**

16 **FROM WHOM THE WHOLE BODY FITLY JOINED (to frame or join closely) TOGETHER AND COMPACTED (to unite in affection, put together) BY THAT WHICH EVERY JOINT SUPPLIETH, ACCORDING TO THE EFFECTUAL WORKING IN THE MEASURE OF EVERY PART, MAKETH INCREASE OF THE BODY UNTO THE EDIFYING OF ITSELF IN LOVE.**

Ephesians 6:18

"**PRAYING ALWAYS with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and WATCHING THEREUNTO WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE and SUPPLICATION FOR ALL SAINTS;"**

Hebrews 10:24–25

24 **AND LET US CONSIDER (observe, consider attentively) ONE ANOTHER TO PROVOKE (to incite) UNTO LOVE AND TO GOOD WORKS:**

25 **NOT FORSAKING (to abandon, desert) THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS; BUT EXHORTING (to call to one's side, to console, encourage, strengthen, comfort, instruct) ONE ANOTHER: AND SO MUCH THE MORE, AS YE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING.**

Hebrews 3:12–14

12 **TAKE HEED, BRETHREN, LEST THERE BE IN ANY OF YOU AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF, IN DEPARTING FROM THE LIVING GOD.**

13 **BUT EXHORT ONE ANOTHER DAILY, WHILE IT IS CALLED TO DAY; LEST ANY OF YOU BE HARDENED THROUGH THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN.**

14 **FOR WE ARE MADE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST, IF WE HOLD THE BEGINNING OF OUR CONFIDENCE STEDFAST UNTO THE END;**

Colossians 3:16

16 **LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY (abundantly) IN ALL WISDOM; TEACHING AND ADMONISHING (to put in mind, caution, reprove gently, warn) ONE ANOTHER IN PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, SINGING WITH GRACE IN YOUR HEARTS TO THE LORD.**

Ephesians 5:18–21

18 **And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT;**

19 **SPEAKING TO YOURSELVES IN PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, SINGING AND MAKING MELODY IN YOUR HEART TO THE LORD;**

20 **Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

21 **SUBMITTING YOURSELVES ONE TO ANOTHER IN THE FEAR OF GOD.**

Galatians 6:1–2

1 Brethren, **IF A MAN BE OVERTAKEN IN A FAULT** (*sin, willful transgression, slip, fall, accidental error*) **YE WHICH ARE SPIRITUAL, RESTORE SUCH AN ONE IN THE SPIRIT OF MEEKNESS;** (*praiotes - gentleness, mildness, meekness*) **CONSIDERING THYSELF, LEST THOU ALSO BE TEMPTED.**

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

2 Timothy 2:23–26

23 **BUT FOOLISH AND UNLEARNED QUESTIONS AVOID, KNOWING THAT THEY DO GENDER STRIFES.**

24 **AND THE SERVANT OF THE LORD MUST NOT STRIVE;** (*to engage in a war of words, quarrel, dispute*) **BUT BE GENTLE** (*epios - mild, kind, gentle*) **UNTO ALL MEN, APT TO TEACH, PATIENT,**

25 **IN MEEKNESS** (*praiotes - gentleness, mildness, meekness*) **INSTRUCTING THOSE THAT OPPOSE THEMSELVES;** if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

1 Corinthians 5:9–13

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 **BUT NOW I HAVE WRITTEN UNTO YOU NOT TO KEEP COMPANY, IF ANY MAN THAT IS CALLED A BROTHER BE A FORNICATOR, OR COVETOUS, OR AN IDOLATER, OR A RAILER, OR A DRUNKARD, OR AN EXTORTIONER; WITH SUCH AN ONE NO NOT TO EAT.**

12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? DO NOT YE JUDGE THEM THAT ARE WITHIN?

13 But them that are without God judgeth. **THEREFORE PUT AWAY FROM AMONG YOURSELVES THAT WICKED PERSON.**

Romans 16:17–18

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **MARK THEM WHICH CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YE HAVE LEARNED; AND AVOID THEM.**

18 **FOR THEY THAT ARE SUCH SERVE NOT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BUT THEIR OWN BELLY; AND BY GOOD WORDS AND FAIR SPEECHES DECEIVE THE HEARTS OF THE SIMPLE.**

THE ENVIRONMENT - *error and perversion always creeps in outside of the Biblical context of love*

Ephesians 4:1–3

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 **WITH ALL LOWLINESS AND MEEKNESS, WITH LONGSUFFERING, FORBEARING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE;**

3 **ENDEAVOURING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE.**

Colossians 3:12–15

12 **PUT ON THEREFORE, AS THE ELECT OF GOD, HOLY AND BELOVED, BOWELS OF MERCIES, KINDNESS, HUMBLENESS OF MIND, MEEKNESS, LONGSUFFERING;**

13 FORBEARING ONE ANOTHER, AND FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, IF ANY MAN HAVE A QUARREL AGAINST ANY: EVEN AS CHRIST FORGAVE YOU, SO ALSO DO YE.

14 AND ABOVE ALL THESE THINGS PUT ON CHARITY, WHICH IS THE BOND OF PERFECTNESS.

15 AND LET THE PEACE OF GOD RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, TO THE WHICH ALSO YE ARE CALLED IN ONE BODY; AND BE YE THANKFUL.

James 5:14–16

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and **IF HE HAVE COMMITTED SINS, THEY SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM.**

16 CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER, AND PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED. THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH.